UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

NICHOLAS BERNHARD, RALPH NATALE, KIRK CONAWAY, and ROY KOHN as TRUSTEES OF HEALTH FUND 917 AND THE LOCAL 868 PENSION FUND; HEALTH FUND 917; and LOCAL 868 PENSION FUND.

CERTIFICATION 10-CV-2736 (SJF)(ETB)

Plaintiffs,

-against-

THE MAJOR AUTOMOTIVE COMPANIES, INC., d/b/a MAJOR CHEVROLET, INC., and MAJOR DODGE, INC.; HAROLD BENDELL; MAJOR CHEVROLET INC; and MAJOR DODGE, INC. and HAROLD BENDEL

	Defendant.
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Susan Bruno, Esq., declares under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1746 that the following is true and correct:

- 1. I am a member of the bar of this Court and an associate of the firm Law Offices of Campbell & Associates, P.C., attorneys for Plaintiffs in this action.
- 2. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" are the Fourth Amendment to the Agreement and Declaration of Trust of the Local 868 IBT Pension Fund and the Fifth Amendment to the Agreement and Declaration of Trust of Health Fund 917.
- 3. Attached hereto as Exhibit "B" are pages 39-40 of the transcript of the deposition of Harold Bendel.
- 4. Attached hereto as Exhibit "C" are pages 29-30 of the transcript of the deposition of Harold Bendel.
- 5. Attached hereto as Exhibit "D" are pages 11-12 of the transcript of the deposition of Harold Bendel.
- 6. Attached hereto as Exhibit "E" are articles from the internet relating to Harold Bendel.
- 7. Attached hereto as Exhibit "F" are Findings Report letters dated August 3 and 5, 2009.
- 8. Attached hereto as Exhibit "G" is page 70 of the transcript of the deposition of David Moskowitz.
- 9. Attached hereto as Exhibit "H" is Defendants' Notice of Deposition of a 30(b)(6) witness.

- 10. Attached hereto as Exhibit "I" are pages 47-52 of the transcript of the deposition of Joann Emmons.
- 11. Attached hereto as Exhibit "J" is a report of the NYS Department of State of Major Dodge, Inc.

Wherefore, the affirmant requests that this Court deny Defendants' motion for summary judgment, and award Plaintiffs the costs of defending against this motion, and for such other relief as this Court deems just.

Dated:

August 18, 2011

Floral Park, New York

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# EXHIBIT A

# FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT AND DECLARATION OF TRUST OF THE LOCAL 868 IBT PENSION FUND

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Pursuant to Article XII, Section 1 of the Agreement and Declaration of Trust of the Local 868 IBT Pension Fund, restated as of May 1, 2003, (hereinafter "Trust Agreement"), the undersigned, being the Trustees duly appointed thereunder, hereby further amend such Trust Agreement as agreed by the Board at their meeting on August 12, 2008, as follows:

- Section 1 of Article VII shall be renumbered as Section 2 of Article VII.
   Sections 2 through 12 of Article VII shall be renumbered consecutively as Sections 3 through 13 of Article VII.
- 2. Article VII is hereby amended by adding a new Section 1, which shall read as follows:

"Contributions Constitute Plan Assets: Title to all monies accrued, owing, due or paid into the Fund shall be vested in and remain exclusively in the Trustees and shall constitute plan assets as of the date that their payment is due to the Fund; outstanding and withheld contributions shall constitute plan assets as of the date that their payment is due to the Fund."

New Section 9 of Article VII shall be amended to read as follows:

"The cost of any payroll audit shall be paid by the Employer if the audit discloses additional contributions to be due in an amount equal to, or exceeding, five percent (5%) of the contributions actually paid by the Employer for the period of the audit. For purposes of determining whether an Employer shall pay the costs of an audit, where the Employer employs participants of the Plan at more than one location and there are multiple payroll audits, contributions due and paid for all locations audited shall be calculated on a payroll audit basis and shall also be aggregated for purposes of this section. The Employer shall pay the costs of the audit for any payroll audit where findings exceed five percent (5%) of the contributions actually paid for the audit period and for all payroll audits where aggregate findings exceed five percent (5%) of the contributions actually paid in the aggregate."

- 4. New Section 11(b) of Article VII shall be amended to read as follows:
  - "(b) compound interest on the unpaid Contributions at such rate as the Trustees may fix from time to time or in particular cases;"

5. New Section 11( c) of Article VII shall be amended to read as follows:

"(c) an amount equal to the greater of (i) compound interest on the unpaid Contributions at the rate specified in (b) above; or (ii) liquidated damages of twenty percent (20%) (or such higher percentage as the law allows) of the amount of the Unpaid Contributions; and"

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Dated:

New York, New York August 12, 2008

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# FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT AND DECLARATION OF TRUST OF THE HEALTH FUND 917

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Pursuant to Article XII, Section 1 of the Agreement and Declaration of Trust of Health Fund 917, restated as of August 1, 2003, (hereinafter "Trust Agreement"), the undersigned, being the Trustees duly appointed thereunder, hereby further amend such Trust Agreement as agreed by the Board at their meeting on August 12, 2008, as follows:

1. Section 3(f) of Article V is hereby amended to read as follows:

"To verify the accuracy of statements and information submitted by the Employers and Employees on Contribution forms, claim forms and other forms. In furtherance of this right and duty, the duly appointed auditor for the Fund shall, upon request, be permitted to examine the payroll records, wage cards or any other pertinent records of any persons covered by the Collective Bargaining Agreement. If, after a benefit payment has been made, it is discovered that any Employee, Dependent, or provider of service shall have made a false statement of material fact in connection with such benefits, the Trustees shall have the right to recover any payments that were incorrectly made based on such false statement from the Employee, Dependent, and/or provider, including, but not limited to, by offset against future benefits. In addition, the Trustees have the right to recover any erroneous or incorrect payment(s) to any Employee, Dependent or provider of service."

2. Section 3(ii) of Article V is hereby amended to read as follows:

"To adopt a Subrogation, Assignment of Rights and Reimbursement Policy and Procedure which provides for the repayment of benefits to the Fund from any recovery which has been, or will be, received by a Participant or Beneficiary, whether in full or partial recovery of its claims, or from any overpayment to a Participant or Beneficiary in a manner and in an amount as determined solely by the Trustees and which further provides for the Fund's right to litigate its claim against the Participant, Beneficiary, any responsible third party or an insurance company, including to the Fund's right to intervene in any litigation and to require a Participant or Beneficiary to consent to the Fund intervening in such litigation as a condition of receiving benefits under the Plan. Any amount received by a Participant, Beneficiary or their representative (including their attorney) that is due to the Fund under this provision shall be deemed to be held in trust by them for the benefit of the Fund until paid to the Fund.

- Section 1 of Article VII shall be renumbered as Section 2 of Article VII.
   Sections 2 through 12 of Article VII shall be renumbered consecutively as Sections 3 through 13 of Article VII.
- 4. Article VII is hereby amended by adding a new Section 1, which shall read as follows:

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"The cost of any payroll audit shall be paid by the Employer if the audit discloses additional contributions to be due in an amount equal to, or exceeding, five percent (5%) of the contributions actually paid by the Employer for the period of the audit. For purposes of determining whether an Employer shall pay the costs of an audit, where the Employer employs participants of the Plan at more than one location and there are multiple payroll audits, contributions due and paid for all locations audited shall be calculated on a payroll audit basis and shall also be aggregated for purposes of this section. The Employer shall pay the costs of the audit for any payroll audit where findings exceed five percent (5%) of the contributions actually paid for the audit period and for all payroll audits where aggregate findings exceed five percent (5%) of the contributions actually paid in the aggregate."

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Dated:

New York, New York August 12, 2008

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Q. Do you know who made the decision not to pay the findings?

MS. BRUNO: Is that better?

MR. LABUDA: It's still calling for a conclusion as to whether or not there was a decision not to pay the findings, as opposed to just not paying the findings. One is an active omission and one is just an omission.

MS. BRUNO: Would you like me to rephrase it?

MR. LABUDA: Sure.

Q. Do you know who made the decision not to pay the findings prior to today?

MR. LABUDA: The same objection, but you can answer.

- A. There was stuff we discussed with our lawyer.
- Q. And I'm not going to ask you the substance of your conversations, but when you say "we" discussed with our lawyer, that's you and who else?

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Page 40 H. Bendel I guess, Bob Cottrell. Α. Okay. Who has the authority to Q. determine whether to pay any part of the 4 findings? Who gets to make that 5 decision? 6 Α. I guess, my brother. Has your brother been in any of 8 Q. these discussions that you've had on the findings? 10 11 Α. No. 12 But your brother is the one who 13 will have that authority? 14 Um-hum. Α. Q. Has anybody spoken with your 15 16 brother about these findings? 17 Α. Not to my knowledge. 18 How will he make the decision, Q. 19 if he doesn't know about it? Will 20 someone be speaking to him about it? 21 I guess at a certain point Α. 22 Mr. Labuda might. 23 Do you have the authority to Ο. 24 direct that any part of these findings be 25 paid?

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- Q. Okay. Were they authorized to decide what checks to make out and who to pay?
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- Q. Was there anybody that they needed to report to on what would be paid?
  - A. On a daily basis, no.
- Q. Was anybody authorized to go to the bank with a withdrawal slip and take money out of any of Major's accounts?
  - A. No.
- Q. Who signed the checks for Major Chevrolet?

MR. LABUDA: Objection, compound and ambiguous, but you can answer.

- A. We had Jane, the office manager, my brother, myself and Adam Kohn and my daughter, Sky Bendel.
- Q. And by your brother you mean Bruce Bendel; am I correct?
  - A. Um-hum.
  - Q. Were double signatures required

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- A. Yes, they were, other than Bruce Bendel's signature.
- Q. So if you wrote a check on behalf of Major --
- A. I'm sorry, I was -- my signature is not -- a double signature is not required by me.
- Q. Okay. So double signatures would be required then by Jane or Adam, am I following you?
- A. By Jane or Adam together or Sky Bendel.
- Q. Okay. Now, the information you just gave me for Major Chevrolet, would that be the same if I asked you the same questions for Major Dodge?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. Are you aware or do you know from personal knowledge that over time Major remitted contributions to Health Fund 917 and the pension fund on behalf of some employees?
  - A. Am I aware of it?

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Page 11 H. Bendel 1 that division? 2 There is a parts manager, his 3 name is Tony. Are there any other departments 5 **Q** . in Major Chevy besides the ones you've 6 named? 7 Α. No. 8 9 Q. And could you tell me, please, again your job duties as manager for 10 11 Major Chevy? 12 MR. LABUDA: Objection. 13 and answered. You could answer it 14 again, though. 15 Α. I oversee the used car department and at times the other 16 17 departments. 18 Under what circumstances would 19 you oversee the other departments? 20 I would just have meetings and Α. have a general guidance as to where --21 22 you know, where we're going and what 23 we're doing.

Q. Is there a person or people to whom the managers report?

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Page 12 H. Bendel 1 I guess that would be me. Α. 2 And is there a person to whom Q. 3 you report? Yes. Α. And who would that be? Q. 6 Bruce Bendel. Α. 7 Now, let's go to Major Dodge, Q. 8 please. Do you have a position with Major Dodge? 10 Α. I quess so. 11 And what would that be? Q. The equivalent that The same. Α. 13 I have at Chevy. 14 Used cars? Q. 15 No. The same managers would 16 Α. report to me. 17 So the managers of Major Dodge 18 would report to you and you would report 19 20 to Bruce Bendel? 21 Α. Right. And is there anybody that Bruce 22 Q. 23 Bendel reports to? 24 No. Α. 25 Mr. Bendel, are you taking any Q.

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sold as used cars. Additionally, the Chrysler won't extend rebates or incentives on those models.

remains skeptical, particularly if those models are older inventory or less-popular models.

Chrysler said it is helping to find homes for any unsold inventory at its remaining dealerships, but Bendell

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A quick Internet search found widely varying prices among Chrysler, Dodge, and Jeep dealers, but we did see some deep discounts, especially on 2008 models. We found a new 2008 Dodge Avenger SE listed for \$15,542, a discount of \$4,818. The same dealer was offering a 2008 Dodge Caravan SE discounted \$7,425 to \$21,900.

Good news for buyers looking to trade is that in spite of losing their franchises, many Chrysler and Dodge dealers are planning to continue in the used car business and are looking for used inventory.

"Most of the Chrysler dealers I know are buying at auction" said Bendell. "There is a ready market for used cars, prices are astronomically high."

Be especially wary of buying a "new" car once it must be sold as a used model. The U.S. government agreed to back warranties on new cars sold during the Chrysler bankruptcy, but if the model is sold as used the compelling "Lifetime" powertrain warranty protection is not available, as the warranty is non-transferrable. Plus, financing rates are also likely to be higher for a used car than a new one.

While it may be tempting to save big on a new car now, remember the risk you may face bigger losses later in depreciation and increased repair costs. (Should you intend to keep a vehicle longer than five years, depreciation may not be a factor, though reliability should given even higher priority.) Purchasing a vehicle from an automaker going through bankruptcy exposes the consumer to further risks, as there may not be the traditional lemon law and product liability protection.

No matter what vehicle you desire, be sure to do your homework to ensure you are buying a good, safe, reliable model with average or better project owner costs. In this economy, it is best to minimize the surprises, and the research can be done in minutes using our interactive new car selector.

We will continue to monitor the news from Chrysler and GM, reporting here in the Cars blog and also updating advice and news on the Auto Crisis hub.

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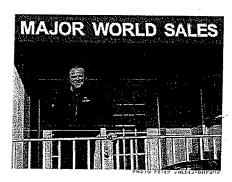
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#### Harold Bendell

#### President MajorWorld used cars

"I'm usually a pretty mellow guy," Harold Bendell said, "But now I'm pissed. That's why I'm talking."

We were outside in a gravel lot the size of a shopping mall parking lot. Around us, bumper-to-bumper used cars were grouped by make and model. Bendell owns several new-car dealerships, but this is where the real action is. MajorWorld boasts of being the largest used-car dealership in the world.



He took me out there to show me why he thought General Motors was in trouble. Inside his used Chevrolet Equinoxes, door trim was chafing off. Seats had stains that wouldn't come out. Inside his used Pontiac cars, he said, the steering felt loose after only about 30,000 miles.

We should be careful about giving these companies money, he said, since they still didn't seem to grasp what the real problem was.

"They've been promising me the greatest cars in the world for the last 25 or 30 years, and I've been listening to them," Bendell had said to me earlier in his office. He also owns a Chevrolet dealership that faces the boulevard.

"Don't give me this Car & Driver s---!" he said. ""This car got voted Car & Driver Car of the year." That's today. I loved my wife in the beginning. Eight years later... eh."

A GM spokeswoman told me later that the company is confident in the long-term durability of the products it's making today.

Things have been rough for GM dealers for a long time, Bendell said. "For the last four or five years, the average Chevrolet dealer has been in the toilet."

Unfortunately, somewhat improved quality hasn't led to greatly increased sales.

"The cars are better, no question about that," he said. "You don't have the warranty work to dip into and just say, 'I'm going to change transmissions all day." They also look nicer, but in the used car lot, Toyotas and Hondas end up looking better and selling for more.

He's concerned about GM's long-term viability, but Bendell is not sure it would be smart for taxpayers to just hand them a check. GM had recently decided to delay incentive payments it was supposed to make to dealers. He worried that GM might never be able to pay him that money.

"I just gave somebody a \$6,000 rebate on a Tahoe. Am I going to see that \$6,000?" he said. "I

On that question, another GM spokesperson told me Bendell doesn't need to worry. He'll get his money in early December.

If Congress does vote to give the dealers a bailout, it's important to him, as a taxpayer, that he knows what's being done with that money

"I want to be there if I give you \$25 billion," he said "I'm going to sleep with you. You, me and the fishes. I want to watch my money.'

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# EXHIBIT F

## STEINBERG, STECKLER & PICCIURRO

#### CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

462 SEVENTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N.Y. 10018

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To:

Board of Trustees - Local 868 Pension Fund

From:

Steinberg, Steckler & Picciurro, Certified Public Accountants

Subject:

Major Chevrolet Inc. (Sales)

Audit Period: January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2007

Date:

August 5, 2009

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Trustees of the Local 868 Pension Fund (specified users of this report), solely to assist you with respect to determining whether or not proper Pension Fund contributions required under the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) were made by participating employers. This engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below, either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures and the associated findings are as follows:

- (1) Read applicable collective bargaining agreement to determine the definition of covered employment, the contribution rates in effect and the basis on which contributions are determined.
- (2) Compare employer payroll records (including payroll tax returns filed with the government) to voluntary contribution report forms and list differences in months reported, as well as employees not reported.
- (3) For those employees not reported, ascertain the employee's job description to determine whether the employee was working in covered employment.
- (4) Review cash disbursement records to determine whether other wage type payments were made or whether employer was utilizing "contract" labor.
- (5) Discuss discrepancies with employer's representative.
- (6) Prepare a report detailing our findings.

The agreed upon procedures were performed for the period 01/01/02 to 12/31/07 on Major Chevrolet Inc., a contributing employer to the Local 868 Pension Fund, to determine the accuracy and timeliness of pension fund contributions required under the Collective Bargaining Agreement ("CBA"). The auditor was able to determine the dates of employment of various employees and compared it with the payments remitted by the employer. The auditor was also able to ascertain the employees' job descriptions to determine which employees were engaged in covered employment and which employees were excluded by the CBA. The audit period is covered by three Collective Bargaining Agreements. One agreement for the period January 29, 2001 through January 29, 2004, another agreement for the period January 29, 2004 through January 29, 2007 and the last agreement for the period January 29, 2007 through January 29, 2010.

### The CBA Provides that:

- The employer recognizes the Union as the exclusive bargaining representative for all full-time commissioned salespersons, excluding all clerical employees, professional employees, managerial employees, confidential employees, all other employees and guards and supervisors.
- The employer agrees to pay \$85.00 per month, per employee, towards the Union's pension plan for each employee employed by the Company for at least one year, consecutively. Employer must pay \$85.00 per month on the 13th month of consecutive employment.

### Scope Limitation:

• The auditor was not given access to the cash disbursement records, general ledger and corporate tax returns. Consequently, we could not determine whether the employer was utilizing contract labor.

The employer was found to have made the following errors and/or omissions:

- Failed to make contributions for certain employees engaged in covered work as defined in the CBA.
- Failed to remit pension contributions after one year of consecutive employment.

The auditor discussed the above findings with Mr. Eric Keltz, attorney for the company, which are summarized below. The details of our findings are included in the attached schedules.

	Paid	Audited	Difference
Pension Fund	\$ <u>167,875.00</u>	\$ 338,980.00	\$ <u>171,105.00</u>

The first column represents the employer's actual contributions. The second column represents the amount required to be paid under the Collective Bargaining Agreement. The third column represents our findings.

We were not engaged to, and did not perform an audit, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on the specified elements, accounts, or items. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the specified users listed above and is not intended to be and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes.

Our procedures were performed solely to assist you in evaluating the accuracy of the reports submitted to you by the employer and our report is not to be used for any other purpose.

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To:

Board of Trustees - Local 917 Health Fund and Local 868 Pension Fund

From:

Steinberg, Steckler & Picciurro, Certified Public Accountants

Subject:

Major Chevrolet Inc. (Shop)

Audit Period: January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2007

Date:

. August 3, 2009

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Trustees of the Local 917 Health Fund and Local 868 Pension Fund (specified users of this report), solely to assist you with respect to determining whether or not proper Health and Pension fund contributions required under the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) were made by participating employers. This engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below, either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures and the associated findings are as follows:

- (1) Read applicable collective bargaining agreement to determine the definition of covered employment, the contribution rates in effect and the basis on which contributions are determined.
- (2) Compare employer payroll records (including payroll tax returns filed with the government) to voluntary contribution report forms and list differences in months reported, as well as employees not reported.
- (3) For those employees not reported, ascertain the employee's job description to determine whether the employee was working in covered employment.
- (4) Review cash disbursement records to determine whether other wage type payments were made or whether employer was utilizing "contract" labor.
- (5) Discuss discrepancies with employer's representative.
- (6) Prepare a report detailing our findings.

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The agreed upon procedures were performed for the period 01/01/02 to 12/31/07 on Major Chevrolet Inc., a contributing employer to the Local 917 Health Fund and Local 868 Pension Fund, to determine the accuracy and timeliness of health and pension fund contributions required under the Collective Bargaining Agreement ("CBA"). The auditor was able to determine the dates of employment of various employees and compared it with the payments remitted by the employer. The auditor was also able to ascertain the employees' job descriptions to determine which employees were engaged in covered employment and which employees were excluded by the CBA. The audit period is covered by two Collective Bargaining Agreements. One agreement for the period April 1, 2002 through March 31, 2005 and the other agreement for the period April 1, 2005 through March 31, 2008.

### The CBA Provides that:

- The employer recognizes the Union as the exclusive bargaining representative for all of its employees working the Shop operated as part of the Company's business.
- The employer agrees to continue the current plan of benefits of the Local 917 Health Fund with a maximum 5% cap per year to be maintained by the employer, with cost of said medial to be added to employee's wages, then deducted as such to cover same.
- The employer agrees to contribute to the Local 868 Pension Fund, at rates specified in the CBA, on behalf of each eligible employee.
- After the completion of the trial period all new employees shall be deemed regular employees of the company and entitled to all the benefits of present employees except as otherwise expressly provided herein.
- Health and pension contributions will be made for all new employees after they have completed six months of employment.

### Scope Limitation:

- The CBAs' did not specify the rates for the Local 917 Health Fund. Consequently, the auditor accepted the rates provided by the fund office.
- We were not provided with a CBA covering the period January 1, 2002 through March 31, 2002. Consequently, the auditor applied the provisions found in the CBA's provided.
- The auditor was not given access to the cash disbursement records, general ledger and corporate tax returns. Consequently, we could not determine whether the employer was utilizing contract labor.

The employer was found to have made the following errors and/or omissions:

- Failed to remit contributions for all covered employees.
- Failed to remit health and pension contributions after six months of employment.

The auditor discussed the above findings with Mr. Eric Keltz, attorney for the company, which are summarized below. The details of our findings are included in the attached schedules.

	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Audited</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Health Fund	\$ 793,636.14	\$ 1,898,922.54	\$ 1,105,286.40
Pension Fund	173.650.00	377,860.00	204,210.00
Total	\$ <u>967,286.14</u>	\$ <u>2.276,782.54</u>	\$ <u>1,309,496.40</u>

The first column represents the employer's actual contributions. The second column represents the amount required to be paid under the Collective Bargaining Agreement. The third column represents our findings.

We were not engaged to, and did not perform an audit, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on the specified elements, accounts, or items. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the specified users listed above and is not intended to be and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes.

Our procedures were performed solely to assist you in evaluating the accuracy of the reports submitted to you by the employer and our report is not to be used for any other purpose.

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To: Board of

Board of Trustees - Health Fund 917, Local 868 Welfare Fund and Local 868

Pension Fund

From: Steinberg, Steckler & Picciurro, Certified Public Accountants

Subject: Major Dodge Inc.

Audit Period: January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2007

Date: August 3, 2009

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Trustees of the Health Fund 917, Local 868 Welfare Fund and Local 868 Pension Fund (specified users of this report), solely to assist you with respect to determining whether or not proper Health, Welfare and Pension contributions required under the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) were made by participating employers. This engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below, either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures and the associated findings are as follows:

- (1) Read applicable collective bargaining agreement to determine the definition of covered employment, the contribution rates in effect and the basis on which contributions are determined.
- (2) Compare employer payroll records (including payroll tax returns filed with the government) to voluntary contribution report forms and list differences in months reported, as well as employees not reported.
- (3) For those employees not reported, ascertain the employee's job description to determine whether the employee was working in covered employment.
- (4) Review cash disbursement records to determine whether other wage type payments were made or whether employer was utilizing "contract" labor.
- (5) Discuss discrepancies with employer's representative.
- (6) Prepare a report detailing our findings.

The agreed upon procedures were performed for the period 01/01/03 to 12/31/07 on Major Dodge Inc., a contributing employer to the Health Fund 917, Local 868 Welfare Fund and Local 868 Pension Fund to determine the accuracy and timeliness of health, welfare and pension fund contributions required under the Collective Bargaining Agreement ("CBA"). The auditor was able to determine the dates of employment of various employees and compared it with the payments remitted by the employer. The auditor was also able to ascertain the employees' job descriptions to determine which employees were engaged in covered employment and which employees were excluded by the CBA. The audit period is covered by two Collective Bargaining Agreements. One agreement for the period February 1, 2004 through January 31, 2007 and the other for the period February 1, 2007 through January 31, 2010.

### The CBA Provides that:

- The employer recognizes the Union as the exclusive bargaining representative for all of its employees working in the Shop operated as a part of the Company's business.
- The employer agrees to participate in the Local 917 Health Fund and shall contribute to said Fund for each of its employees covered by this Agreement. The employer agrees to pay each January 1st hereafter any increase necessary to maintain the group coverage benefits set forth above for its employees subject to a maximum increase of 10% in contributions.
- An employee who voluntarily opts out of coverage will be paid at the rate specified in the CBA.
- The employer agrees to contribute to the Local 868 Pension Fund at rates specified in the CBA.
- Contributions will be made for all new employees after they have completed six months of employment.

#### Scope Limitation:

- The CBAs' did not specify the rates for the Local 917 Health Fund and Local 868
  Welfare Fund. Consequently, the auditor accepted the rates provided by the fund
  office.
- The requested audit period was January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2007. However, the employer could not provide us with any computer generated payroll reports detailing wages, hours and months worked for the period January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002. Consequently, we did not apply procedures to this period.

## Scope Limitation (Continued)

- There was no CBA covering the period January 1, 2003 through January 31, 2004. Consequently, the auditor applied the provisions found in the CBA's provided.
- The auditor was not given access to the cash disbursement records, general ledger and corporate tax returns. Consequently, we could not determine whether the employer was utilizing contract labor.

### The employer was found to have made the following errors and/or omissions:

- Failed to remit all contributions for all covered employees.
- Failed to remit contributions after six months of employment.

The auditor discussed the above findings with Mr. Eric Keltz, attorney for the company, which are summarized below. The details of our findings are included in the attached schedules.

	Paid	Audited	Difference
Health Fund	\$ 289,781.00	\$ 709,193.00	\$ 419,412.00
Pension Fund	76,355.00	126,880.00	50,525.00
Total	\$ <u>366,136.00</u>	\$ <u>836,073.00</u>	\$ <u>469,937.00</u>

The first column represents the employer's actual contributions. The second column represents the amount required to be paid under the Collective Bargaining Agreement. The third column represents our findings.

#### Observation:

Starting October 2004 through June 2006, the employer made pension contributions for Jose Padilla (SSN 103-42-8265). According to the company's payroll records, his date of hire was July 30, 2006.

We were not engaged to, and did not, perform an audit, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on the specified elements, accounts, or items. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you. This report is intended solely for the information and use of the specified users listed above and is not intended to be and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes.

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# EXHIBIT G

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2	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
3	EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
4	JOHN VACCA, DAVID PEREZ, KIRK CONAWAY, And
5	ROY KOHN as Trustees of THE HEALTH FUND 917 and the LOCAL 868 IBT PENSION FUND; HEALTH
6	FUND 917 and the LOCAL 868 IBT PENSION FUND, Plaintiffs,
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21	Civil Procedure, and Subpoena, held at the
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- 2 their response is as well.
- 3 Q. But that's even before you do the audit 4 findings?
- A. Usually before we do the audit findings.

  We try to avoid as many discrepancies, possible
- discrepancies as we can. Sometimes it's not
- 8 feasible for us or the employer is just not
- 9 willing to, you know, answer certain questions.
- 10 Q. What about union dues, that would be
  11 included in the payroll records that the employer
  12 was deducting union dues for certain employees,
- 13 correct?

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- 14 A. It's not always correct. Sometimes
  15 somebody could be doing covered work on the Funds
  16 contribution report, does not mean dues are being
  17 taken out from their salary. We don't audit for
  18 dues. We just audit for the Funds.
  - Q. Was that the case with Major, that the payroll records indicated that union dues were taken out?
- A. I don't recall that, because, again,

  Mr. Rodas did most of that work.
- Q. Would that be an indication or a factor in determining whether or not somebody is in the

# EXHIBIT H

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

NICHOLAS BERNHARD, RALPH NATALE, KIRK CONAWAY, and ROY KOHN as Trustees of THE HEALTH FUND 917 and the LOCAL 868 IBT PENSION FUND; HEALTH FUND 917 and the LOCAL 868 IBT PENSION FUND,

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NOTICE OF DEPOSITION

Plaintiffs,

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THE MAJOR AUTOMOTIVE COMPANIES, INC., d/b/a MAJOR CHEVROLET, INC., and MAJOR DODGE, INC.; HAROLD BENDEL; MAJOR CHEVROLET INC; and MAJOR DODGE, INC. and HAROLD BENDEL

	Defendants.	
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Rule 30(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendants will take the deposition of an agent or agents designated by Plaintiffs, Nicholas Bernhard, Ralph Natale, Kirk Conaway, and Roy Kohn as Trustees of the Health Fund 917 and the Local 868 IBT Pension Fund, Health Fund 917 and the Local 868 IBT Pension Fund ("Funds") who have knowledge of their claims in the above lawsuit. Specifically, the deponent(s) should have knowledge of how the Funds calculated the level and period of contributions for each individual for which the Funds seek contributions. The deposition will take place before a Notary Public or other person authorized to administer oaths at 10:00 AM on June 29, 2011, at the offices of Milman Labuda Law Group PLLC, 3000 Marcus Avenue, Suite 3W8, Lake Success, New York. The oral examination will continue from day to day until completed.



Dated: June 24, 2011

Lake Success, New York

Joseph M. Labuda, Esq. (JL-5213) MILMAN LABUDA LAW GROUP PLLC

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# **EXHIBIT I**

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particular employee was determined to be in the bargaining unit and, therefore, entitled to pension and/or health or welfare benefits?

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- Do you know how it is that the Funds calculated the level and period of contributions for each individual listed in the most recently revised audit findings?
- A. What do you mean by level of contribution, the amount?
  - Q. Yes, the amount.
- A. Repeat the question. What are you asking?
  - Q. Well, I'll just repeat it.

Do you know how it is that the Funds calculated the level and period of time of contributions for each individual for which the Funds seek contributions?

- A. How the amount of the contribution was calculated?
- Q. I think that question asked for two
  different things, which is the level or amount of
  contributions such as -- because there's
  different amounts of contributions to be paid

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depending upon somebody's job title, correct?

Let's say, for instance, Sales versus Shop.

- A. Well, yeah, it's based on each employer, whatever the employer's contribution rate is, and that level is determined once a year, that amount.
- Q. Correct, as per the contract and the trust agreement and the --

- A. Well, no. No. The amount -- the actual amount would be determined by the Funds' consultant or actuary and presented to the Board of Trustees and they'll review that information and determine what the appropriate contribution rate is.
- Q. Is it fair to say that the first year of the contract between the employer and the union is going to set a specific rate for these various pension and/or health or welfare fund contributions and then the year after that it's set by the actuaries?
- A. It depends. Generally the first year of the contract should have the appropriate amount.
  - Q. Because -- I'm sorry, go ahead.
  - A. It depends on what's subsequent to that,

whether it's an open-ended contract, whether it calls for a percentage increase in the contract, whether it calls for a specific level of benefits. Each contract is different.

- Q. Right, and --
- A. I'm talking specifically for health now.
- Q. Okay, and that rate is determined depending on who the employee is working for, correct?
  - A. Who the employee?
  - Q. Yes.
- A. As I said, each employer has a specific contribution rate for all of the employees listed under that employer.
- Q. Correct. So it depends on -- in terms of determining the level of contribution or the amount that's due, it depends on who that employee is working for and then it also depends on what that employee does because -- is there a different rate between, let's say, Shop and Sales?
- A. There could be. I don't recall off the top of my head if they're in the same class.
  - Q. I'll make a representation to you just

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in terms of answering this question that there are, I think, three separate contracts at issue here; one is the Dodge contract and then one is the Chevy contract for Shop and then there's a separate agreement for Chevy Sales.

- A. Yes, I know.
- Q. Right? So if somebody works for Dodge, they are being paid -- and they're covered under the contract, everybody that works and is covered under that contract is going to receive the same pension rate for any particular year, correct?
  - A. Yes.

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- Q. And those Dodge employees are also going to receive a certain set rate for health benefits for any given year depending on whether or not they're family or they're single coverage, correct?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. And with Chevy Shop the same applies, correct?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. And then with Chevy Sales the same thing applies, correct?
  - A. Yes.

- Q. But somebody who works in Chevy Shop may not receive the same level of benefits as the employee that is working in Chevy Sales, correct?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. So there's got to be made a determination as to whether or not -- at least whether or not the employee was working under the Chevy Shop contract or the Chevy Sales contract, correct?
  - A. Yes.

Q. So that was one issue that I was just asking you about, was the level of contributions.

Do you know how it is that the Funds calculated the level of contributions for any particular employee? Yes, that was my question.

- A. And, again, it's determined by the employer, and if you're asking how it's specifically calculated, I refer back to my earlier answer.
- Q. Well, no. What I was asking you is more like do you know how it is or was determined by the Funds whether or not the employee was in either one of these -- covered under either one of these three contracts and/or how the auditors

made that determination or whoever made that determination?

MS. BRUNO: Can we answer those both separately since they're two separate questions? Could you ask the first one and then come back to the second?

 $\ensuremath{\mathtt{MR.}}$  LABUDA: Okay, just read the first part of the question.

- Q. If we just limit the question to just the auditors, the question I just asked, what would your answer be?
- A. How did the auditor -- let me get that I understand your question correctly first.
  - Q. Okay.

- A. How it was that the auditors determined what the contribution rate would be for a salesperson versus a shop person in Chevy?
- Q. No, not so much what the contribution rate is. That's easy enough. You look at the contract or the trust agreement that sets the rate or whatever it is, the auditor's opinion letter, but what I was asking is do you know how it is that the auditors made the determination whether or not somebody is either classified

# EXHIBIT J

# **NYS Department of State**

## **Division of Corporations**

## **Entity Information**

The information contained in this database is current through August 8, 2011.

Selected Entity Name: MAJOR DODGE, INC.

Selected Entity Status Information

Current Entity Name: MAJOR DODGE, INC.

Initial DOS Filing Date: MARCH 16, 1990

County:

**QUEENS** 

Jurisdiction:

**NEW YORK** 

**Entity Type:** 

DOMESTIC BUSINESS CORPORATION

Current Entity Status: INACTIVE - Merged Out (Nov 25, 2003)

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HAROLD BENDELL 46-01 NORTHERN BOULEVARD LONG ISLAND CITY, NEW YORK, 11101

Principal Executive Office

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Registered Agent

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### the certificate.

#### *Stock Information

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200

No Par Value

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### Name History

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**Entity Name** 

OCT 11, 1991 Actual

MAJOR DODGE, INC.

MAR 16, 1990 Actual

MAJOR CHRYSLER-PLYMOUTH, INC.

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